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Reforms

Travelling allowance drawn by the Members of the Madras Parliamentary Committee.

* 1381 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of travelling allowance drawn by the members of the Committee elected by the Legislative Council for joint conference with Simon Commission ; and

(b) the rules or orders according to which the travelling allowances are drawn or are to be drawn by the same Committee ?

A.—(a) Up to date no allowance has been drawn by the members.

(b) An extract [a] of G.O. No. 665, Public, dated 7th October 1928, is placed on the table. The hon. Member's attention is however drawn to the second part of the answer to clause (a) of question No. 1014 given on 28th January 1929.

Part taken by the Ministers in the preparation of the memoranda to be placed before the Simon Commission.

* 1382 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, the hon. the Minister for Public Health and the hon. the Minister for Development took any part in the preparation of the memorandum, if any, to be placed before the Simon Commission ;

(b) the lines they took on main matters in respect of that memorandum ; and

(c) if he cannot state those lines to the Legislative Council, the reason therefor ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) If the hon. Member refers to the descriptive memoranda already sent to the Commission, he is referred to the answer to question No. 465 given on 10th October 1928. If the reference is to any further memoranda containing suggestions or recommendations, the preparation of such memoranda is still under consideration.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, with reference to the facts mentioned in the first sentence of the answer, whether the hon. Ministers have taken any part in the preparation of the memoranda which are stated to be under consideration ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The Government is again considering the matter including the Ministers."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what part the Ministers are taking ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They are considering the matter. I cannot give details of the decision arrived at."

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[a] Printed as Appendix XVI on page 661 infra.